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Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel Announces Retirement

Chief Bosel to retire in December 2020 after nearly 40 years in public service

Mountain View, Calif. — Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel has announced his retirement after a 25-year career with the Mountain View Police Department. During his six-year tenure as Chief, the police department adopted its first Policing Plan that improved transparency and modeled President Barack Obama's 21st century policing pillars, implemented officer worn cameras, and became an early adopter of drug and alcohol diversion alternatives. His final day on the job is Dec. 26, 2020.

"This is a bittersweet decision but I am immensely grateful for a rewarding career and excited for the opportunity to pursue new adventures," stated Chief Bosel. "It has been an honor and privilege to have served alongside so many exceptionally talented and dedicated professionals and community members, in particular my colleagues here in the City of Mountain View and in the policing profession."

"Chief Bosel is a dedicated public servant who is deeply committed to the community, the police department, and the entire City organization. He has been a tremendous asset to the community and a critical member of our senior leadership team, especially as we responded to the coronavirus pandemic and social justice reforms together," said Kimbra McCarthy, City Manager. "His legacy will live on within the Mountain View Police Department as he fostered a caring, compassionate culture that's rooted in community-based policing. Chief Bosel will be sincerely missed."

Chief Bosel began his public service career as a high school-aged volunteer with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, going on to serve as a paramedic in the San Francisco Bay Area and held a distinguished career as a peace officer that spanned over three decades.

During his career in Mountain View, Chief Bosel distinguished himself as a patrol officer, field training officer, SWAT team member, bicycle patrol instructor and crime suppression detective, where he was responsible for coordinating investigations that dismantled sex-trafficking enterprises in the city. He served as an Explorer Program Advisor and was awarded Scouting's Pacific-Skyline Council's highest distinguished service award for his long-standing contributions to youth programs. He promoted through the ranks, commanding all of the department's divisions and filled critical leadership roles during significant transitions in the City organization as an Acting Assistant City Manager and, earlier this year, as the Interim City Manager.

As the City's 10th chief of police, Chief Bosel formed a Cyber-Crimes Unit, expanded youth programs, introduced employee wellness initiatives, enhanced traffic safety, deployed lifesaving naloxone and embedded Fire Department paramedics for tactical responses in emergencies. He embraced innovation as demonstrated

in his efforts to upgrade technology, modernize facilities and equipment, implement regional radio interoperability, engage in unprecedented succession planning that enhanced diversity in the department, and most recently began a partnership with local academia to research police contact and service demographics.

Under Chief Bosel's leadership, the department has strengthened community collaboration by expanding online outreach and added to the portfolio of engagement programs such as a speaker series, podcasts, Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, the innovative #SheCan women's and girls' event, and the MVPD-X executive experience. The department has also held policing workshops, rape assault defense training, document shred events, and Shop with a Cop for students in need. In addition, Mountain View Police have also participated in the City's Spanish leadership academy.

Chief Bosel has served as president of the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association, was a board member for the California Police Chiefs Association, held positions on a number of boards and committees, addressing a variety of public safety topics at the local, state and national levels. He has also received numerous awards and recognition for his leadership with youth programs and service to the community.

City Manager McCarthy is promoting Chris Hsiung, who currently serves as Mountain View's deputy police chief, to serve as Mountain View's 11th chief of police. [View the City's news release](#) for more information.

Editor's Note: Chief Bosel's photo is attached. Availability for media interviews via Zoom or phone for both Chief Bosel and incoming Chief Hsiung is from 9-11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6. Contact Police PIO Katie Nelson at 650-861-8556 or policepio@mountainview.gov to schedule a time.



About the City of Mountain View

Located between the Santa Cruz Mountains and San Francisco Bay, Mountain View is a diverse community with an estimated population of 82,739. Mountain View covers just over 12 square miles, featuring over 1,000 acres of park and wildlife areas including the 750-acre wildlife and recreation area called Shoreline at Mountain View. Located in the heart of Silicon Valley, Mountain View is home to a vibrant downtown and headquarters to many nationally and internationally known corporations including Google, LinkedIn, Mozilla Foundation, Intuit and NASA Ames Research Center. For more information, visit MountainView.gov.

About the Mountain View Police Department

The Mountain View Police Department proudly strives to model the City of Mountain View's values for providing exceptional service, acting with integrity, and treating others with respect. The department consists of 96 full-time police officers positions working alongside 50 professional staff to provide public safety services to the residents of Mountain View. More information on the department can be found at MVPD.gov.

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